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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6632

BILL NUMBER: HB 1847

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Regulation of Cervids on Private Property.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thompson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that administrative rules concerning cervid herd registration do not apply to and may not be enforced on certain privately owned real property. It prohibits the Indiana State Board of Animal Health from adopting or enforcing rules that require cervid herd registration on the real property.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill will reduce expenditures for the State Board of Animal Health because the Board would no longer be required to register and inspect certain herds.

Under existing law, an owner of a cervid must register with the state veterinarian. Upon request of the state veterinarian, the owner or custodian of the animals must provide the state veterinarian access to or a copy of the written herd inventory; present each animal for inspection; and provide access to any animal for testing, identification, or evaluation. The Board inspects each herd about once each year. Upon the death of any animal in the herd for any reason the owner must immediately notify the state veterinarian. The state veterinarian may inspect any dead cervid and take tissues or other material necessary or helpful for detecting disease. The state veterinarian may conduct an epidemiologic evaluation of any cervid herd, including testing any animal if it furthers the goal of animal disease surveillance and control.

Reducing the number of cervids subject to oversight by the state veterinarian will decrease administrative expenses to the Board by an indeterminable amount. The Board currently registers about 350 herds. Of these herds, a couple of deer farms contain herds of over 1,000. Most farms contain fewer than 20.

However, the proposal could increase state expenses if the lack of oversight results in the spread of disease in the wild population.

Explanation of State Revenues: The state does not collect a fee for the registration of cervids, so eliminating the requirement that certain cervids be registered would not affect revenue.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Animal Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Board of Animal Health

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